containers in their factory premises for customs examination, subject to fulfilment of a few conditions;

(b) The facility has been extended with a view to liberalising the procedure and reducing delays in the movement of inputs required for export.

Wasteful expenditure on stationery in Government Offices

110. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government departments are making wasteful expenditure on the purchase of certain items of stationery and other articles, such as Tuffend table glasses instead of ordinary table glasses, costly writing pens instead of ordinary pens, plastic coated gem clips rather than ordinary steel gem clips etc;

(b) if so, the reasons of this wasteful expenditure and the steps taken by his Ministry to direct all the Government departments not to waste the public money like this; and

(c) whether Government propose to lay copy of the instructions issued if any, in this rgard on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The Ministries/Departments of the Government of India have been delegated full powers under the Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 1978, for purchase of local petty stationery stores. Expenditure incurred in excess of Rs. 1 lakh per annum on the purchase of stationery etc. is required to be authorised with the concurrence of the Controller of Stationery.

The Ministries/Departments purchase stationery/stores as per their requirements. The authority purchasing stationery/stores has to ensure that the price of articles purchased is reasonable and consistent with the quality required.

Agitation by Bank employees regarding their pay scales and promotions

111. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bank employees and officers have been agitating over the delay in the revision of their pay scales, accelerated promotions, etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay and by when their grievances are likely to be redressed;

(c) whether the career prospects of the clerks in the banking industry are far too inadequate and the clerks remain in the same state even after putting in more than ten years of service; and

(d) if so the reasons for this apathy and the steps taken to accelerate the promotions of the clerks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Indian Banks' Association has reported that the banks' employees have been agitating for various demands including early wage revision. IBA is seized of the matter and a few rounds of discussions for the VIth bipartite settlement have already been held. Wage negotiations are, however, by their very nature, a long and protracted affair and, therefore, no time frame can be stipulated.

(c) and (d) It may not be correct to say that the career prospects of the clerks in the banking industry are inadequate. In fact; 75 per cent of the vacancies in the officers cadres of the public sector banks are filled by promotions from clerical

cadre. Further, meritorious candidates may get promotions even within a period of 4 to 5 years. However, many officials in the clerical cadres of the banks do not opt for promotions as this could subject them to All India transfer liability.

Strike by workers of Central Public Sector Industries

112. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of workers of Central Public Sector Industries have decided to strike work on July 14 to express their strong resentment over the grave situation in the public sector undertakings; government's attitude towards PSUs as a whole;

(b) if so; whether government have received a memorandum from the Central Public Sector Trade Unions (CPSTU) in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of their demands and government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available and permissible under the Rules.

Financial assistance provided by IDBI

113. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications received by the Industrial Development Banks of India from Gujarat and Maharashtra during last three years, alongwith the number of applications accepted and rejected out of them and the time consumer in this process; and

(b) the year-wise and unit-wise details of financial assistance provided to the industries in Gujarat and Maharashtra by the Industrial Development Bank of India during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The details of the applications for financial assistance received, sanctioned and rejected during the last three financial years by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) in respect of Gujarat and Maharashtra are as under:

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Applications received	285	370	178
Applications sanctioned	201	297	138
Applications rejected/withdrawn	1	9	14

IDBI has reported that it normally disposes of the applications within three months when the applicaion is complete in all respects.